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In his "Ichthyographia Chinæ Borealis" in 1855, p. 243, Dr. Stephen Basilewsky described a species of herring from the Gulf of Pechili in northern China, under the name of *Pristigaster chinensis*. This species has the general form of the genus *Ilisha* Gray (*Pellona* Cuv. & Val.), differing in the absence of ventral fins, agreeing in this respect though not in form of body with the genus *Pristigaster*. In our paper on the Fishes of Korea (Memoirs of Carnegie Museum, VI, 1913, p. 7), Jordan and Metz redescribed and figured this species making it the type of a new genus *Zunasia*, characterized as having the form of *Ilisha*, but lacking ventral fins.

Mr. Alvin Seale has lately re-examined this species and in the specimen at hand he finds minute ventrals, scarcely longer than a scale, or about half diameter of eye, and very fragile. Further examination shows that *Zunasia chinensis* is merely the young of the common Chinese species, *Ilisha elongata* (Bennett), and that the supposed genus *Zunasia* must be erased from the system. According to Dr. Day, the ventral fins are sometimes wanting in the Indian species, *Ilisha megaloptera*.

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